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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary

Federal Communications Commission

445 12th Street, SW; Room TW- B204

Washington, DC 20554

November 27, 2014

Dear Secretary Dortch,

This is a public comment for WC Docket Number 12-375. I am writing on the negative issue of the price of in-state-calls. I have been a prisoner in the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections for over 4 years. For roughly 18 months I was subject to paying excessive fees for phone calls. My family and I paid roughly \$5.41 (five dollars and 41 cents) per call with calls taking place twice or more per week. For roughly 3 and a half years my family and I have paid a total of \$3.35 (three dollars and thirty five cents) per call to call a number in the same area code less than 100 miles away. Intrastate phone call rates need to be reduced. A substantial amount of prisoners cannot afford the luxury to even place a call because of these fees. The FCC reducing interstate call rates have resulted in lower costs for my family and I. I have an uncle who lives in Illinois and a grandfather who lives in Mississippi and until the reduction was made I was paying easily \$10.00 (ten dollars) per call. Now because of the reduced rates I pay roughly \$3.30 (three dollars and thirty cents) per call for out of state calls. It is important for permanent reform of prison phone rates. I know that Pennsylvania has roughly 60,000 inmates. Now I don't know the kickback received by the PA D.O.C. but it seems ridiculous to me that they incarcerate that many people, make tons of cash doing so, but yet the population has stayed the same and keeps growing. States will continue to take advantage until something is done. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

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